

CREEKSIDE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

23818 CR 10, Elkhart (interim location)
1716 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516 (office)

December 26, 2004
9:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

God did a strange thing. God lifted the lid on his experiment. Instead of providing more rain or food for the already lavish, carefully tended creation, God became one of them. He lived as they did. And he taught about a kingdom beyond all the jealousy, violence, and ingratitude. But most of all, God taught them a new way to die. And strangely, foolishly said many, that way of dying brought life to the world.
Frank Honeycutt

PRELUDE

SERVICE OF GATHERING

Welcome + Announcements + Prayer Requests

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Arnold

One: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace for those on whom his favor rests.

All: The light of God's compassion shines upon those who lived in darkness.

One: The Word has become flesh, has lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

All: Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

One: To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and with choirs of angels we sing,

All: Alleluia!

One: The earth has seen the salvation of our God.

All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

* INVOCATION PRAYER (unison)

Lord Jesus, our king, our judge and redeemer: From the cross on which we hung you, you pronounced forgiveness upon us, and promised us sinners a place in your paradise. Help us to receive your grace, that we might live lives that are worthy of your great love for us and thereby show that we belong to that kingdom you have opened to all nations, ages, and races. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 199(Blue)

"The First Noel"

ROOTED IN GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karen Eis

CALL TO PRAYER NO. 211 (Blue)

"Lo! How a Rose e'er Blooming"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

No person can observe two Christmas parties on the same evening—for she will either hate the one and love the other, or will wish to stay at one and find the other tacky. Similarly, you cannot love both God and money. (Luke 16:13)

*from: The Parables of Christmas
by John Killinger*

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE NO. 206 (Blue)

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GROWING IN JESUS

(Preschoolers may be excused to the nursery for the remainder of the service)

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-18

HYMN NO. 192 (Blue)

"On this Day Earth Shall Ring"

SERMON

Pastor David Bibbee

"I'll Go"

BEARING FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT

* HYMN NO. 198 (Blue)

"Let Our Gladness Have No End"

* BLESSING

POSTLUDE

* Please stand, as you are able

TODAY: DECEMBER 26, 2004

9:00 A.M.: Worship 10:15 A.M.: Fellowship Time 10:45 A.M.: Church School for All Ages

Preaching.....	David Bibbee
Organist.....	Marilee Gilliland
Pianist.....	Shelly Randall
Hymn Director.....	Rosanna McFadden
Worship Leader.....	Mark Arnold
Children's Message.....	Karen Eis
Acolyte.....	Cara Mastic
Worship Childcare.....	Cary Kelsey
Sound System Engineer.....	Gary Arnold
Facility closing.....	Ron/Sabrina Fritz

NEXT SUNDAY: JANUARY 2, 2004

9:00 A.M.: Worship 10:15 A.M.: Fellowship Time 10:45 A.M.: Church School for All Ages

Preaching.....	Pastor David Eis
Organist.....	Marilee Gilliland
Hymn Director.....	Deana Markley
Worship Childcare.....	Carolyn Colver
Sound System Engineer.....	Gary Arnold
Facility closing.....	Marilee Gilliland

Our mission:

Because we are God's beloved in Christ, united in the Spirit we

<i>Seek</i>	<i>God's love in our lives</i>
<i>Celebrate</i>	<i>God's love in vital worship</i>
<i>Share</i>	<i>God's love through acceptance, service, and witness</i>

CHRISTMAS



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